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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-10, 14, 16, 18-20, 22-23 and 27-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 31-38 are presented herein.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-10, 14, 16, 18-20, 22-23, 27 and 28 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-10, 14, 16, 18-20, 22-23, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Frerichs et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,684,249) ("Frerichs et al.") in view of Greer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,828) ("Greer et al."). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-10, 14, 16, 18-20, 22-23, 27 and 28, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Callahan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,665,688) ("Callahan et al.") in view of Sitrick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,425,825) ("Sitrick et al."). Applicants have cancelled claim 29 without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering this rejection moot.

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CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the Law Office of Thomas M. Isaacson, LLC, Account No. 50-2960 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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